

The Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure to read as follows (a version with markings showing the changes made to the Abstract is attached).

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A recording apparatus for forming a color image on the recording material.

The recording apparatus includes a recording head having a plurality of recording elements; recording head driving units for driving the recording elements of the recording head in accordance with image data to form an image on the recording material; a plurality of supplementing units for effecting supplementations, in different manners, for supplementing defects in a recorded image resulting from a non-operating recording element of the recording elements; and control units for selectively operating the plurality of supplementing units depending on a record image to effect the supplementation.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1-4, 7, 8, 10-16, 18, 21, 23-32, 34-43, 45, and 47-50 to read as follows (a marked-up version of the amended claims, showing the changes made thereto, is attached). For the Examiner's convenience, the non-amended claims are shown below as well.